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I thought the DOJ did the American public a huge justice when it decided to settle. Granted, Microsoft does need tight monitoring to ensure it stays within the boundaries of the law but penalizing a company for competing fiercely is NOT the American way. Else, we're implicitly saying, America breeds and protects slackers and whinners.

The settlement is more than adequate so long it is enforced. Let's move on. There's much to do in rebuilding this nation and its economy. Microsoft is a huge contributor in many aspects so taking them down does no good to the rest of us. Also, if you're REALLY interested in protecting the public against unfair practices by companies with large/monopolistic market shares, check out the following:

- SUN Microsystems in the enterprise server business
- Oracle in the database business
- AT&T in the cable TV business
- ebay in the online auctions business
- Intel in the PC chip business
- IBM in the mainframe computing business

There are lots. Difference is, Microsoft is by far, the most well known, in your face, company while others are squeezing consumers dry, often without anyone knowing it.

Btw, anyone notice that the state AGs that did not accept the settlement are also home-states for Microsoft's major competitors? If the law can be manipulated by corporations to attack their competitors, we've got some serious problems in this country's system.

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